

To: Honorable Robert D. Drain  
United States Bankruptcy Court for  
the Southern District of New York  
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Subject: Objection to motion to eliminate Delphi Health Care, etc. for Salaried Retirees.

Dear Sir:

This is asking that you be mindful of the Salaried Retirees needs and not to sweep us down the sewer as an unworthy group. The singling out of the Salaried Retirees for this proposed cut is just going after those who have no immediate (legal) defense mechanism in place, as does the UAW. I take this proposal to be demeaning and insulting to how I've spent my career. This possible financial for the wife and I's "Golden Years", isn't meeting our expectations.

Even though I worked my entire 34.5 yrs of service for GM and Delphi, I consider the engineering work I did as "professional", rather than a "shop rat". I studied engineering in college for 7 yrs for this treatment? Early in my career I looked at other employers, but stayed w/ GM mostly for the purported "secure" retirement package. Back then the personnel manager told me that the GM fringe benefits will only get better over the yrs. He was wrong, but I didn't know it then.


This Motion to terminate...would represent a 10.4% loss in my household's after tax income. Sure one could say that 10% can be absorbed, but this would be in addition to my just having been put on Medicare a year ago. Plus most of my 401k lifetime savings was in GM and Delphi common stock. I've lost 68% !! of that lifetime savings since I retired. So it's not like I have a wad of money to cover for this proposed health care elimination.

Are the retired Delphi executives included in this Motion? They should be. Please consider how you would feel, if you were in my situation. I don't feel that I did anything wrong.

Many of us retirees are too old and forgetful to find work now in this present economy.

Please, I request the court deny this Motion.

Sincerely,

  
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Hired in 1966

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